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1. Background

This policy is made under s.102(1)(a) of the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld) and s.2B(c) of the *Racing Regulation 2013* (Qld). Those provisions require Racing Queensland (RQ), as the control body for all codes of racing in Queensland, to make a policy for the provision of funding for licensed clubs.

2. Policy Name

This policy is known as the “Club Operational Funding Policy”.

3. Date Made and Date of Effect

This policy is made on 31 March 2021 and takes effect on the same day.

4. Purpose

In accordance with section 82(2)(g)(ii) of the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld), Racing Queensland (RQ) may distribute an amount to a Licensed Club, on conditions the control body considers appropriate, for a purpose relating to the operations of the Licensed Club.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in relation to the Club Operational Funding (Funding) received by Clubs under the Club Funding Agreement (Agreement).

5. Who Is Affected by the Policy

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to RQ, its employees and processes, in administering Funding to Licensed Clubs. This policy affects all Clubs licensed by RQ which have entered into an Agreement.

6. How Decisions Are to be Made

The distribution of Funding aims to recognise and support expenses related to the core business of racing and training activities. To ensure a consistent application and methodology, Funding must be allocated in accordance with the terms set out in the Agreement, and consistently with this policy.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

RQ will administer Funding in accordance with the Agreement and this policy. RQ may impose conditions and make variation to the Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this policy.

Funding set out in the Agreement is subject to the Club at all times complying with its obligations under the Agreement. Clubs must ensure expenditure of Funding is in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

8. Postpone, Transfer or Abandonment of Race Meetings

RQ may, in its absolute discretion and in accordance with other policies where applicable, postpone, transfer or abandon any Race Meeting for which RQ has provided Funding for the Thoroughbred, Harness and Greyhound codes of racing. RQ will use reasonable endeavours to minimise the impact on the racing community that may be caused by any transfer or abandonment of a Race Meeting.

While this policy aims to provide a structured approach for facilitating payments there may be circumstances which require additional consideration of which RQ may undertake at its discretion.

Below sets out the distribution of funding associated with the abandonment or transfer of race meetings.

Funding components listed below may only be paid to those clubs which have respective components set out within their Agreement.

(a) Thoroughbred and Harness Race Meetings

Where a Thoroughbred or Harness Race Meeting is abandoned RQ will make the following payment to an Eligible Club:

Criteria	Outcome
Meeting abandoned 24 hours before start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component set out in the Agreement, as intended.
Meeting abandoned within 24 hours of start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 75% of Racing Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended.
Meeting abandoned after start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 100% of Racing and Employment Expense rates set out in the Agreement, as intended.

In circumstances where a Race Meeting is abandoned, no Industry Allowance is payable.

Where a Thoroughbred or Harness Race Meeting is transferred to an alternative venue, RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense to the Club which conducts the meeting, at a rate set out in the recipient Club's Agreement.

(b) Greyhound Race Meetings

Where a Greyhound Race Meeting is abandoned, RQ will make the following payment to an Eligible Club:

Criteria	Outcome
After the box draw	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 50% of Racing Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended.
After scratching time on the day of the Race Meeting	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 100% of Racing and Employment Expense rates set out in the Agreement, as intended.

Where a Greyhound Race Meeting is transferred to an alternate venue:

- (i) after nominations have been received;
 - a. RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended, to the club that conducts the transferred Race Meeting; and
- (ii) within 48 hours of the date of the Race Meeting;
 - a. RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended, to the club that conducts the transferred Race Meeting.

In circumstances where a Race Meeting is abandoned, no Industry Allowance is payable.

9. Rules of Racing

Rules of racing will not be made for this policy.

10. Definitions

Terms used in this policy have the following meaning:

Agreement means a Club Funding Agreement between RQ and a Licensed Club.

Club means an eligible corporation registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or an incorporated association under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* (Qld).

Eligible Club means a Licensed Club that receives a Club Operational Funding.

Funding means Club Operational Funding provided by RQ.

Governance Requirements means all applicable Laws; and any Policies of RQ.

Licensed Club means a Club licensed by RQ to conduct Race Meetings.

Club Operational Funding means the amount paid to a Licensed Club by RQ, in accordance with the Club License Agreement.

Race Meeting means a meeting for conducting racing of licensed animals or a betting meeting (as those terms are defined in the Act).

Racing Calendar means the racing calendar published by RQ in accordance with the Act.

Racing Venue means a venue that is licensed by RQ to hold Race Meetings for the Thoroughbred, Harness or Greyhound codes of racing.

Club License Terms means the terms and conditions of the licence issued by RQ to the Club, pursuant to the Act and the Licensing Scheme Policy in order to conduct Race Meetings.

11. Version History

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